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## **WHITERIVER MAN SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT**

PHOENIX – Rovene Johnson, 22, of Whiteriver, Ariz., was sentenced on June 14 to 108 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake. Johnson had pleaded guilty on March 2, 2007 to Count Two of the Indictment charging Aggravated Sexual Abuse.

On October, 19, 2005 the defendant went to the home of a woman in Whiteriver. He knocked on the door, she answered and when she went to answer her phone he walked in. While in the home, he forcibly engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim despite her pleas for him to stop.

Despite the defendant's claim that he was an alcoholic, and that he had been drinking heavily that night and did not remember much of the details the court rejected his plea for a lesser sentence

The investigation in this case was conducted by the White Mountain Apache Police Department and the Fort Apache Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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